

MINUTES

May 9, 2006

The State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors met on May 9, 2006 in Conference Room 102 at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Doris I. Willmer, PE, Vice-Chairperson
Guy F. Ritter, PE
William W. Dean, PE
Mark E. Chastain, LS
E. Scott Evans, Public Member
Stephen R. Richards, PE
Elmo A. Richardson, Jr., PE,LS

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

E. Charles Vickery, PE - Chairman

STAFF PRESENT:

J. Darren Mickler – Board Executive Director
Julie Busbee – Board Secretary
Vivian Stephens – Board Application Specialist
Sharon Harrison – Compliance Secretary

ATTORNEY GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE:

Not present

GUESTS PRESENT:

None present

Call to order:

Vice-Chairperson Willmer called the meeting to order at 9:31 am. Ms. Willmer asked for any additions or deletions to the proposed agenda. Mr. Ritter moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Mr. Richardson seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Vice-Chairperson Willmer presented a draft of the March 14, 2006 minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Mr. Ritter moved to adopt the minutes as written. Mr. Dean seconded. Motion carried.

Professional Societies and Guests

There were no guests present.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Mickler announced that there were three new Board members and asked for each person present to introduce him/herself. Mr. Mickler oriented the new Board members about what the staff and Board does. He discussed exam deadlines, application processing, Board Rule process, Board policies, and the criteria for Model Law applications.

Old Business:

2006 NCEES Southern Zone Meeting:

Mr. Mickler reported that the Georgia Board just hosted the 2006 NCEES Southern Zone meeting of fifteen states and territories in Savannah April 26-29. Mr. Mickler read a letter from Betsy Browne, Executive Director of NCEES, thanking the Board and staff for a successful meeting. He described the various events that took place during the four-day conference. Mr. Richardson complimented the staff for a very informative and successful meeting. Mr. Dean explained that he sits on the Uniform Procedures and Legislature Guidelines Committee for NCEES. The purpose of the committee is to set the guidelines for Model Law. Ms. Willmer commented that she is on the Engineer Exam Committee, which writes the questions for the NCEES exams.

Coalition Report:

Ms. Willmer explained that the Coalition was formed as a committee made up of Board members and representatives from the engineering and surveying societies to determine how the Board can best serve the public. They have made recommendations and have distributed them to the societies for endorsement. They have also drafted legislation for next year's session. Their next meeting will be on May 10.

Task Force Reports:

Mr. Dean reported that he conducted an online presentation to the Gas Coalition regarding Ethics for 100 participants.

Board Policy 04-02 Regarding Out of State Applicants:

There was general discussion regarding current Board Policy 04-02, Out-of-State Applicants. The consensus of the Board was to continue to adhere to the current policy of allowing out-of-state applicants to only apply for comity registration.

Executive Session:

At 10:55 am, Mr. Ritter moved for the Board to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on complaints and investigative reports. Mr. Richardson seconded. Motion carried.

The following Board members were present during Executive Session – Vice-Chairperson Willmer, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Richards, Mr. Evans, Mr. Chastain, Mr. Dean, and Mr. Ritter.

Reconvened Open Session at 11:45 am with the following Board members present - Vice-Chairperson Willmer, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Richards, Mr. Evans, Mr. Chastain, Mr. Dean, and Mr. Ritter.

New Business:

Letter of Request regarding LS's signing Final Plat Certificates:

Mr. Chastain discussed a question from Richard Nutt, LS who asked about the validity of Land Surveyors signing a final subdivision plat statement from a county office certifying that the engineering requirements of the county have been satisfied. Mr. Chastain moved that the Board respond to him that this is a matter outside the Board's jurisdiction and refer him to the county. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion carried.

Letter of Request regarding Network Design and Consulting Jobs :

Mr. Dean discussed a letter of request from Dwight Prisock regarding an internet job recruiter advertising for network design and consulting jobs which are titled "Network Consulting Engineer" and "Network Design Engineer." Ms. Willmer directed Mr. Dean to respond to him that this is a matter outside the Board's jurisdiction.

Letter of Request regarding Exemption of CE:

Mr. Mickler presented a letter of request from Kunigal A. Shariff requesting exemption of continuing education. Mr. Chastain moved to deny the request and suggest online and/or videotape courses. Mr. Richardson seconded. Motion carried.

Letter of Request regarding Waiver of ECEI Evaluation:

Ms. Willmer presented a letter of request from Michael Twiner, PE who wrote the Board on behalf of an engineer-in-training applicant who has been unable to obtain an ECEI evaluation. Ms. Willmer directed Mr. Mickler to answer the letter that the Board is considering accepting other alternatives to ECEI.

Mr. Chastain moved to accept evaluations from ECEI, AACRAO, Span Tran or Foreign Credentials of America, companies that are currently endorsed by NCEES for foreign

education evaluations to be made Board policy 03-04R. Mr. Richardson seconded. Mr. Ritter would like to see a presentation from each of the firms to know what kind of evaluation they will give. Mr. Mickler will contact the firms and Mr. Ritter will review it. Mr. Chastain rescinded his motion at this time.

Revisions to Board Rule 180-8-.01 Reinstatement of Expired Licenses:

Ms. Willmer presented a proposed draft of a revision to the Board Rule 180-8-.01 regarding Reinstatement of Expired Licenses. Mr. Richardson moved to post as follows:

1. A certificate of registration which has been administratively revoked for having been expired for greater than four (4) years may be reinstated at the discretion of the Board.
2. The applicant must complete the reinstatement application and include a summary of all experience since the date of original Georgia licensure as a Professional Engineer or Land Surveyor with accompanying experience endorsements for each engagement from professionals who are familiar with the experience provided.
3. Applicant must include the reinstatement application fee, and upon final Board review, all other fees as provided to reinstate license registration.

Mr. Dean seconded. Motion seconded.

Letter of Request regarding an Easement on a Final Plat:

Ms. Willmer presented a letter from Rebecca Lore regarding an easement on a final plat. Mr. Chastain moved to ask Ms. Lore to file a complaint. Mr. Dean seconded. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

At 11:00 am, Mr. Ritter moved for the Board to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on complaints and investigative reports. Ms. Willmer seconded. Motion carried.

The following Board members were present during Executive Session – Vice-Chairperson Willmer, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Richards, Mr. Evans, Mr. Chastain, Mr. Dean, and Mr. Ritter.

Reconvened Open Session at 2:05 pm with the following Board members present - Vice-Chairperson Willmer, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Richards, Mr. Evans, Mr. Chastain, Mr. Dean, and Mr. Ritter.

Investigations and Complaints:

PELS060049 – This case involved a Professional Engineer with allegations of unprofessional conduct. Mr. Dean moved to close with no action as the matter is one for civil courts. Mr. Richardson seconded. Motion carried.

PELS060005 – This case involved a Professional Engineer who practiced engineering on a lapsed license. Mr. Richardson moved to issue a Consent Order with a Public Reprimand and \$500 penalty and renew license. Mr. Ritter seconded. Motion carried.

PELS050102 – This case involved a firm with no Certificate of Authorization. Mr. Richardson moved to issue a Cease and Desist Order. Mr. Dean seconded. Motion carried.

PELS020136 – This case involved unlicensed practice of engineering. Respondent is incarcerated and cannot be served a C&D. Mr. Richardson moved to close case administratively. Mr. Ritter seconded. Motion carried.

PELS040056 – This case involved unlicensed practice of engineering. Mr. Dean moved to recommend enforcement to serve a Cease & Desist Order. Mr. Richardson seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Ritter moved to release probation on David Lu and reinstate. Mr. Richardson seconded. Motion carried.

Renewal PE with SC sanctions – Mr. Ritter moved to send a Letter of Concern explaining the rules of direct supervision on a daily basis. Mr. Chastain seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Dean moved to accept a signed Cease and Desist Order from Billy Cook. Mr. Richardson seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Dean moved to accept a signed Cease and Desist Order from Terrell Jeff Cash. Mr. Richardson seconded. Motion carried.

Board Memo Comity Model Law Applicants:

Applicants for registration as Professional Engineers by comity, who have an ABET engineering degree, who have taken and passed an 8-hour fundamentals of engineering (EIT/FE) exam, who have a minimum of 48 months post graduation engineering experience as determined by a staff evaluation using the present Board guidelines, who have taken and passed an 8-hour principles and practice of engineering exam (PE Exam-taken at least 4 years after BS degree), and who comply in every way with the provisions of the appropriate law are as follows:

30989 Naeger, William J.
30992 Roberts, Shirley A.
31009 Bonifas, Mark J.
31012 Hartwell, Stephen R.
31015 Parkes, Jennifer C.

30990 Nottingham, Todd S.
31007 Aamodt, Jon E
31010 Brahm, Joseph J.
31013 Neuendorf, Theodore E.
31016 Stamatis, Demetrios J.

30991 Rausch, Joseph P.
31008 Bills, Randall E.
31011 Dickey, Michael J.
31014 Odum, John R.
31017 Weaver, William M.

31018 Donald, Matthew S.	31019 Nelson, Michael E.	31020 Sayyed, Ali T.
31021 Waddell, Richard M.	31022 Lawrence, John C.	31023 Anderson, GregoryG
31024 Sabeff, Peter	31025 Williams, Jimmy D.	31026 Wazenegger, Amy J.
31027 Sutch, Peter-John F.	31028 Burton, Larry J.	31029 Chambers, Scott L.
31030 Childers, Christopher S.	31031 Follo, Jason H.	31032 Friedman, Bruce E.
31033 McKay, Benjamin P.	31034 OIsburn, Randall C.	31035 Renfrow, Chad A.
31036 Rosenbalm, Earl W.	31037 Schenck, Ralph R.	31038 Williams, Edgar G.
31039 Glover, John d.	31040 Livers, Robin D.	31041 Moore, George W.
31042 Russo, Charles J.	31043 Walshaw, Lynne	31044 Webb, Christopher R.
31045 Wong, Jimmy H.	31046 Boals, Anthony P.	31047 Burnette, Audrey L.
31048 Kelley, Doyle D Jr.	31049 Carter, Jerry A.	31050 Epps, William N. Jr.
31051 Esarey, Keith A.	31052 Fedora, Richard W.	31053 Ganz, Dave L.
31054 Henninger, Jeffrey J.	31055 Kondos, Kirk A.	31056 Kupper, Scott T.
31057 Maple, Carol W.	31058 Mazzei, James F.	31059 Mundy, Valerie W.
31060 Durdov, Eric A.	31061 Arneson, Jeffrey P.	31062 Smith, Mark A.
31063 Warren, James L.	31064 Morgan, Stephen B.	31065 Salyers, Charles B.
31066 Schulte, Michael A.	31067 Willson, James A II	31068 Zuck, Craig R.
31069 Lenker, William R. Jr.	31070 Abel, Brian R.	31071 Arrington, Mark P.
31072 ChinNuke, Kari E.	31073 Collinge, William O.	31074 Collins, Jeffrey N.
31075 Griggs, Francis E. III.	31076 Richter, Robert P.	31077 Zimmer, Thomas R.
31079 Kirk, Robert J.	31080 Culver, Christopher D.	31081 French, Edward J. IV
31082 Lynch, Shawn M.	31083 Smith, Ryan M.	31084 Tibedo, George A.
31085 Vasquez, Jarizinho	31086 Kuseybe, Zone F.	31087 L:au, Jason
31088 Sharp, Richard N.	31089 Simpson, Steven J.	31090 Sorensen, Eric
31091 Summey, Matthew R.	31092 Wheeler, Richard G.	31093 Agan, John A.
31094 Cathey, Marcus D.	31095 Holloway, Harold J.	31096 Harris, Jerry H.
31097 Moore, Roy E.	31098 Calhoun, Jay H.L.	31099 Girvan, Philp N.
31100 Woods, Michael B.	31101 Bierwerth, Ryan J.	31102 Crutchfield, David S.
31103 Leibold, D. Martin	31104 Seiter, Michael B.	31105 Sherrard, Harold G.
31106 Pedonesi, Anthony D.	31107 Hessinger, Brian S.	31108 Petty, Garrick D.
31109 Potts, Cory W.	31110 Demarco, Jody F.	31111 Eppley, Jason P.
31112 Fanney, Lawson H.	31113 Gonzalez, Kenneth L.	31114 Hendren, Joseph S.
31115 Myers, Jason R.	31116 Weaver, Reginald L.	31117 Welte, Mark S.

Motion was made by Mr. Dean to approve these applicants for PE registration by comity @ 43-15-16(a), via 43-15-8(1) and 43-15-9(1). The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson. The motion carried.

Applications for Regular Applicants Seeking Certification as an Engineer-In-Training by Exam:

Applicants for certification as an Engineers-in-Training by examination whose degrees were earned in engineering or engineering technology programs which attained ABET/CAB accreditation within two years of their having received their degrees, who have filed with the Board five acceptable references, who have had no convictions for moral turpitude or substantive reasons, and who comply in every way with the provisions of the appropriate law(s), are as follows:

Chin, Pov	Connell, Michael Joseph	Daniel, Jason Keith
Eckles, Christopher Jeorard	Francois, Roussan Camille	Johnson, Ryan Clark
Kingsley, Holly Kay Lewis	Lee, Hee Seung	Matthews, Jared Crowell
Raiford, Christopher Michael	Rodriguez, Daniel N.	Simmons, John William
Stephens, Clay Ranson		

Presented to the Board this 9th day of May 2006.

ACTION OF THE BOARD: Motion was made by Mr. Dean to approve these applicants for EIT certification @ 43-15-8(1) or 43-15-8(2). The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson. The motion carried.

Reinstatements:

Mr. Chastain moved to reinstate Robert Doug Hyatt, LS002297. Mr. Richardson seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Chastain moved to reinstate Ronald Corzine, LS001968. Mr. Richardson seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Willmer moved to reinstate Christopher L. Carroll-Vasquez, PE021992. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Chastain moved to reinstate W. Glen Fields, PE007122. Mr. Richardson seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business, at 3:20 pm, Mr. Chastain moved to adjourn. Mr. Dean seconded. Motion carried. Some Board members remained to review applications until they were finished.

Board Chairman

Division Director

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These minutes were approved at the _____meeting.